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1. A Czechoslovak Purchasing Commission is now in Vienna negotiating with USIA but no agreement has been reached as yet. The Commission is headed by Vinzel, who is staying in the Hotel Erzherzog Rainer, Vienna IV, Mozartgasse. Vinzel's assistant is Franz Rehner, Vienna III, Keilergasse 40.
2. The Commission is interested in acquiring the following types of used heavy equipment in whatever amounts made available by USIA:

Equipment

Price Offer

Excavators with shovels of
0.8 to 1 cu. meter capacity

140,000 shillings

Concrete mixer, 250-1,000 liter capacity

Not yet determined

Dump trucks of .75 to 2 cu. meter capacity; 600 - 750 mm. track gauge

1,200 to 2,000 schillings

Steel locomotives, 600-750 mm.
track gauge

Not yet decided

The Czechoslovak Purchasing Commission is also attempting to purchase the following types of new heavy equipment:

Dump trucks, extra heavy design

4,700 schillings

Windlasses, 1 ton, 3 ton and models, respectively

2,510, 4,450, and
8,260 schillings respec-
tively

Cranes, diesel models

150,000 schillings

Cranes with electric hoists

157,000 schillings

Stone crusher, type BA-30, without motor

11,100 schillings

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Universal caterpillar excavator
Type WL-800 with electric or diesel
power

\$42,000

Twin-piston steel freight locomotives
Model R-42

\$87,000

3. The diesel and electric excavators, the concrete mixing machinery, the narrow gauge railroad equipment, and the cranes can be delivered by Bahnbedarf A.G., Neu-Erlaa Lower Austria. At present, six R-42 locomotives can be delivered by the Lokomotiv-fabrik, Floridsdorf, and USIA has agreed upon a price of \$87,000 per locomotive. The Purchasing Commission is at present trying to buy dollars on the Austrian market. Source also states that this Purchasing Commission has imported 300,000 shirts from Czechoslovakia, which it is attempting with little success to sell to the Austrian Government for 29 schillings apiece.

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